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15 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
16 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

17 2-WAY COMPUTING, INC., a Nevada corporation,

18 Plaintiff,

19 v.

20 SPRINT SOLUTIONS, INC., a Delaware
corporation; NEXTEL FINANCE COMPANY, a
Delaware corporation; SPRINT UNITED
MANAGEMENT COMPANY, a Kansas corporation;
NEXTEL OF CALIFORNIA, INC., a Delaware
corporation; NEXTEL BOOST OF CALIFORNIA,
LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and
NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC., a Delaware
corporation,

25 Defendants.

26 AND RELATED COUNTERCLAIM

27 Case No.: 2:11-cv-00012-JCM-(PAL)

28 **DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR**
SUMMARY JUDGMENT OF THE
APPLICABILITY OF INTERVENING
RIGHTS TO BAR DAMAGES AS TO
ASSERTED '797 PATENT CLAIMS 1, 3-
5, 17-18, AND 20-32

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Pursuant to Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendants Sprint Solutions, Inc., Nextel Finance Company, Sprint United Management Company, Nextel of California, Inc., Nextel Boost of California, LLC, and Nextel Communications, Inc. (collectively, "Sprint") respectfully move for summary judgment that Plaintiff 2-Way Computing, Inc. ("2-Way") cannot recover any damages for Sprint's alleged infringement of U.S. Patent No. 5,434,797 ("'797 Patent") for the asserted claims that were amended or added during the reexamination of the '797 Patent due to the doctrine of intervening rights.¹ This motion is supported by all of the pleadings and papers on file in this case, the following memorandum of points and authorities, the exhibits attached hereto, and any oral argument as the Court may entertain.

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. INTRODUCTION

The doctrine of intervening rights limits a patent owner's right to recover damages for patent claims added or modified during a patent re-examination proceeding in two specific situations. First, if a patent claim is added during or "substantively changed" as a result of a re-examination, the patent owner is forever barred from recovering damages for infringement of the new or modified claims by any infringing product that existed before the conclusion of the re-examination. *See 35 U.S.C. §§ 252, 307; BIC Leisure Prods., Inc. v. Windsurfing Int'l, Inc.*, 1 F.3d 1214, 1220 (Fed. Cir. 1993). In this situation, the public is entitled to claim "absolute intervening rights" in those otherwise infringing products. Second, the patent owner can also be barred from recovering damages for products created after the re-examination concluded and that are identical to products that existed before the re-examination, so long as the accused infringer had made "substantial preparations" for their manufacture by the end of the re-examination. This situation is called "'equitable' intervening rights." *See BIC Leisure*, 1 F.3d at 1220, 1221; 35 U.S.C. §§ 252 and 307.

¹ Sprint vigorously denies any liability whatsoever in this case. Each of the asserted claims of the '797 Patent is invalid and therefore cannot be infringed. Additionally, Sprint asserts that it does not infringe any of the asserted claims of the '797 Patent. However, if this motion is granted in its entirety, 2-Way would be unable to recover *any* damages for the alleged infringement of the '797 Patent for any claim other than Claim 6. Sprint is contemporaneously filing a Motion for Summary Judgment clearly illustrating that Sprint cannot infringe Claim 6 of the '797 Patent.

All of the claims 2-Way asserts against Sprint were substantively changed during the reexamination of the '797 Patent, except for claim 6.² With respect to the accused PTT functionality of the accused products, the core technology has remained the same since well before the issuance of the re-examination certificate. 2-Way's own expert confirmed as much by relying upon one iDEN and one QChat phone as representative phones for his alleged infringement analysis for all of the accused products, regardless of date of launch relative to the re-examination certificate. Therefore, 2-Way should be barred from recovering any damages from Sprint under asserted claims 1, 3-5, 17-18, or 20-32, as all of the accused products either (i) existed or (ii) are identical to products that existed before the claims of the '797 Patent were modified during re-examination.

II. UNDISPUTED MATERIAL FACTS

The following facts are undisputed.

A. The '797 Patent and the Asserted Claims

The '797 Patent issued on July 18, 1995.³ The initial '797 Patent included 20 claims. On October 25, 2005, 2-Way filed a reexamination request for the '797 Patent.⁴ The USPTO issued a reexamination certificate for the '797 Patent on September 2, 2008.⁵ The '797 Patent expired on July 18, 2012.

During the reexamination, 2-Way amended all of the claims, including asserted claims 1, 3-5, 17-18, and 20, as a result of the prior art at issue in the re-examination.⁶ Also during the reexamination, 2-Way added claims 21-32.⁷ Claim 6 was also amended during the reexamination by changing it from a dependent claim to an independent claim. However, for purposes of this motion, Sprint does not argue that the amendments to claim 6 were "substantive changes" since the

² As detailed in Sprint's concurrently filed Motion for Summary Judgment of Non-Infringement, none of the accused products infringe claim 6 (or any of the asserted claims).

³ '797 Patent, Ex. A to Am. Compl., Dkt. 56. *See also* Declaration of Matthew M. Lubozynski in Support of Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment of the Applicability of Intervening Rights (Nov. 15, 2013) ("Lubozynski Decl."), Ex. 1.

⁴ Reexamination Certificate, Ex. B to Am. Compl., Dkt. 56. *See also* Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 2.

⁵ *See id.*

⁶ *See id.*

⁷ *See id.*

1 amendment combined previous independent claim 1 and dependent claim 6 into new independent
 2 claim 6.⁸ Sprint's motion on intervening rights thus is limited to asserted claims 1, 3-5, 17-18, and
 3 20-32.

4 On January 5, 2011, 2-Way filed its initial Complaint against Sprint asserting infringement
 5 of the '797 Patent. It subsequently filed an Amended Complaint on October 7, 2011. Dkt. 56.
 6 Currently, based on 2-Way's technical and damages expert reports, 2-Way accuses 85 Sprint phones
 7 with Push-to-Talk ("PTT") capability of infringing claims 1, 3-6, 17-18, 20-32 of the '797 Patent
 8 (the "asserted claims").⁹ These PTT phones are broken down into two general types, iDEN and
 9 QChat, based on the network and technology they utilize. Sprint has used the iDEN network since
 10 the early 1990s for PTT phones, and it debuted the use of QChat in 2008.

11 **B. Sprint's Sale and Use of PTT Phones on the iDEN Network**

12 The majority (77 out of 85) of accused products operated PTT on Sprint's now-
 13 decommissioned iDEN network. This network was developed in the early 1990s to provide Push-
 14 to-Talk ("PTT"), phone, and data services in one mobile device.¹⁰ In fact, since at least the early
 15 1990s, Sprint or its predecessors have sold mobile devices with PTT capability, and provided PTT
 16 services in conjunction with such devices.¹¹ In November 1991, Motorola, Inc. ("Motorola") and
 17 Fleet Call, Inc., which later became Sprint's predecessor Nextel Communications, Inc.
 18 ("Nextel"),¹² entered into an Enhanced Specialized Mobile Radio System Equipment Purchase
 19 Agreement and a Letter Agreement for the sale and use of "mobile devices," with "dispatch," aka
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21 ⁸ See Reexamination Certificate, Ex. B to Am. Compl., Dkt. 56. See also Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 2.

22 ⁹ Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 3, Opening Expert Report of Wayne E. Stark, Ph.D., at ¶33 (Aug. 15,
 23 2013) ("Stark Report").

24 ¹⁰ See Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 4 at SPRINT00145770 ("Nextel provides an integrated product that
 25 consists of dispatch, short messaging, wireless data, and cellular telephone interconnect."). See
 also, e.g., Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 8. Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 17 January 18, 2012 Deposition of
 John Tudhope 119:4-16 ("Tudhope Dep.").

26 ¹¹ See Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 22, Defs. Suppl. Resp. Pl. Interrogs. Nos. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 at 7-8. Prior to
 27 August 2005, these products were sold by Nextel Communications, Inc., which was merged into
 Sprint in August 2005.

28 ¹² Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 5, March 14, 2012 Deposition of Bruce Drawert 218:2-11 ("Drawert
 Dep.").

1 PTT, capabilities, on the precursor to the iDEN network.¹³ Nextel began purchasing mobile
 2 devices from Motorola with PTT capabilities shortly thereafter. In September 1996, Nextel began
 3 providing wireless services to the nation through mobile devices that operated with Motorola's
 4 proprietary iDEN technology.¹⁴ Before September 1996, and at least as early as 1993, before the
 5 initial issuance of the '797 Patent, Nextel was selling and/or providing Motorola-provided mobile
 6 devices with PTT capabilities for use on the precursor to the iDEN network in at least Los
 7 Angeles, as well as in other parts of California.¹⁵

8 Sprint, after acquiring Nextel in August 2005, continued to purchase iDEN-enabled phones
 9 with PTT capabilities over the years. Sprint sold iDEN-enabled phones with PTT capabilities
 10 nationwide from at least late 1996 or 1997 until June 30, 2013 when Sprint decommissioned the
 11 iDEN network.¹⁶ The core PTT functionality on the iDEN phones did not change during this
 12 timeframe.¹⁷ Even prior to the issuance of the reexamination certificate for the '797 Patent on
 13 September 2, 2008, Sprint had spent billions of dollars on the iDEN network and on purchasing
 14 phones from Motorola and other equipment providers for use on the iDEN network.¹⁸
 15 Additionally, in 2007 and 2008, Sprint invested in a "reinvigoration" of PTT and the iDEN
 16 network and paid a significant amount of money in marketing and advertising related to PTT
 17 during this time alone.¹⁹

18 ¹³ See, e.g., Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 6; Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 7. See also Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 22,
 19 Defs. Suppl. Resp. Pl. Interrogs. Nos. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 at 7-8. Cf. Drawert Dep. 218:2-220:4.

20 ¹⁴ See Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 8. Tudhope Dep. 119:4-16. See also Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 22,
 21 Defs. Suppl. Resp. Pl. Interrogs. Nos. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 at 7-8. See generally, Drawert Dep. 218:2-
 22 220:4; Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 13 January 25, 2012 Deposition of Deborah Nowatski 40:11-41:25.

23 ¹⁵ See Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 6. See also Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 22, Defs. Suppl. Resp. Pl.
 24 Interrogs. Nos. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 at 7-8. See generally, Drawert Dep. 218:2-220:4; Tudhope Dep.
 128:19-22.

25 ¹⁶ See, e.g., Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 4 at SPRINT00145770; Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 9; Lubozynski
 26 Decl., Ex. 10; Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 8. See also Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 22, Defs. Suppl. Resp. Pl.
 27 Interrogs. Nos. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 at 7-8. See generally, Nowatski Dep. 40:11-41:25.

28 ¹⁷ Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 11 Initial Expert Report of Anthony Acampora at 182-183 (Aug. 15,
 2013) ("Acampora Initial Rep."); Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 12 February 7, 2012 Deposition of David
 Heeschen 77:5-9 ("Heeschen Dep."); Nowatski Dep. 31:2-32:14; Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 14 March
 1, 2012 Deposition of Kelley Russell 142:8-143:12 ("Russell Dep."); Drawert Dep. 217:19-218:1.

¹⁸ See, e.g., Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 15; Tudhope Dep. 159:7-160:2.

¹⁹ Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 16 Def. Sprint Solutions, Inc. Resp. Pl.'s 4th Interrogs. at 13-14 (Mar. 15,
 2012).

1 **C. Sprint's Sale and Use of PTT Phones on Its CDMA Network (QChat)**

2 By June 2008, Sprint began using PTT on its “CDMA” cellular network, as opposed to the
 3 proprietary iDEN network, through the use of QChat technology.²⁰ Sprint spent millions of dollars
 4 on developing the ability to use QChat for PTT on its CDMA network, as well as in purchasing
 5 mobile devices for use on that network even prior to the issuance of the ’797 Patent’s reexamination
 6 certificate in September 2008.²¹ In conjunction with this launch in 2008, Sprint introduced mobile
 7 devices that 2-Way accuses of infringement here, including phones made by Samsung, LG, and
 8 Sanyo. Additionally, at or just prior to the issuance of the ’797 Patent’s reexamination certificate,
 9 Sprint introduced a PTT phone on the CDMA network manufactured by Motorola now accused of
 10 infringement – the Renegade V950. However, the devices and PTT services on the CDMA network
 11 in this 2008 timeframe were not successful.²²

12 Sprint subsequently issued additional phones that used PTT over its CDMA network by
 13 utilizing QChat technology in October 2011, and dubbed the service “Sprint Direct Connect” to
 14 differentiate from its PTT offering over the iDEN network.²³ Sprint introduced phones
 15 manufactured by Kyocera in conjunction with this launch that 2-Way accuses of infringement.²⁴
 16 The core QChat functionality utilized in this reissuance for the use of PTT was not altered since
 17 Sprint’s initial QChat PTT offering in June 2008, which is prior to the reissuance of the ’797
 18 Patent.²⁵

19 **D. The Accused Products are Accused of Infringing Claims 1, 3-6, 17-18, 20-32**

20 2-Way currently accuses 85 products sold by Sprint of infringing claims 1, 3-6, 17-18, and
 21 20-32 of the ’797 Patent.²⁶ At least 64 of those accused products, all of which utilize either iDEN

22 ²⁰ Tudhope Dep. 103:14-17; Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 18 March 8, 2012 Deposition of Sandeep
 23 Mistry 48:6-9 (“Mistry Dep.”); Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 19 May 10, 2012 Deposition of Trinh Vu
 24 32:7-19 (“Vu Dep.”).

25 ²¹ See, e.g., Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 15. See also Tudhope Dep. 159:7-160:2.

26 ²² Tudhope Dep. 103:12-19; Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 15.

27 ²³ Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 20; Tudhope Dep. 26:22-28:2; Mistry Dep. 48:2-5.

28 ²⁴ Id.

29 ²⁵ Vu Dep. 48:1-7.

30 ²⁶ Stark Report at ¶33.

1 or QChat technology for PTT, were launched on or before the date of issuance of the
 2 reexamination certificate for the '797 Patent.²⁷ Some of these 64 phones initially sold before
 3 September 2008 continued to be sold after the September 2008 issuance of the reexamination
 4 certificate of the '797 Patent.²⁸

5 The remaining 21 of the 85 accused products were launched after the re-examination of the
 6 '797 Patent concluded.²⁹

7 However, all 85 Accused Products use PTT either through iDEN or QChat, and the core
 8 PTT functionality through either technology has not changed since prior to the issuance of the
 9 reexamination certificate.³⁰

10 III. **LEGAL ARGUMENT**

11 A. **The Doctrine of Intervening Rights**

12 The doctrine of intervening rights is codified in 35 U.S.C. §§ 252 and 307. Absolute
 13 intervening rights “abrogate liability for infringing claims added to or modified from the original
 14 patent if the accused products were made or used before the [reexamination].” *Marine Polymer*
 15 *Techs., Inc. v. HemCon, Inc.*, 672 F.3d 1350, 1362 (Fed. Cir. 2012); *see also* 35 U.S.C. § 307.
 16 Equitable intervening rights also “apply as a matter of judicial discretion to mitigate liability for
 17 infringing such claims even as to products made or used *after* the [reexamination] if the accused
 18 infringer made substantial preparations for the infringing activities prior to reissue.” *Id.*
 19 (emphasis added). Here, both absolute and equitable intervening rights abrogate all liability for
 20 any alleged infringement by Sprint of claims 1, 3-5, 17-18, and 20-32.

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²⁷ A chart identifying these 64 devices is attached as Ex. A.

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²⁸ *See, e.g.*, Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 21 Def. Sprint Solutions, Inc.’s Fourth Suppl. Resp. Pl.’s
 26 Interrog. No. 7 (Mar. 2, 2012).

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²⁹ A chart identifying these 21 devices is attached as Ex. A.

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³⁰ Acampora Initial Rep. at 182-183; Heeschen Dep. 77:5-9; Nowatski Dep. 31:2-32:14; Russell
 Dep. 142:8-143:12; Drawert Dep. 217:19-218:1; Vu Dep. 48:1-7.

1 **B. All Asserted Claims Except Claim 6 Were Amended or Added During the**
 2 **Reexamination**

3 “[T]he first question when assessing whether intervening rights arose from a reexamination
 4 is whether the asserted claim is ‘amended or new’[.]” *Marine Polymer*, 672 F.3d at 1363. On
 5 September 2, 2008, the United States Patent Office issued the reexamination certificate for the ’797
 6 Patent. All of the claims presently asserted by 2-Way against Sprint “were added to or modified
 7 from the original patent” during reexamination, with the exception of asserted claim 6. Thus, only
 8 claim 6 of the ’797 has the potential to prevent intervening rights from eliminating all of Sprint’s
 9 potential liability in this case. *See, e.g., Adrain v. Vigilant Video, Inc.*, No. 2:10-cv-173-JRG, 2013
 10 WL 1984369, at *3 (E.D. Tex. May 13, 2013) (finding that intervening rights did not apply to claim
 11 6 of the patent-in-suit in that case as it was not amended or new through reexamination but
 12 intervening rights did apply to the remaining asserted claims).³¹

13 It is unquestioned that all of the remaining asserted claims, claims 1, 3-5, 17-18, 20-32, were
 14 amended or added during the reexamination. Dr. Stark, 2-Way’s technical expert, admitted in his
 15 opening expert report that asserted claims 1, 3-5, 17-18, and 20 were amended during the
 16 reexamination and asserted claims 21-32 were added during the reexamination.³² Further, Sprint’s
 17 technical expert, Anthony Acampora, Ph.D., opined that claims 1, 3-5, 17-18, 20-32 were
 18 substantively changed or added during the Reexamination of the ’797 Patent.³³ 2-Way’s expert, Dr.
 19 Stark, provided ***no opinions*** as to intervening rights, including whether any of the claims were
 20 “substantively changed” during the re-examination, and thus it is undisputed that claims 1, 3-5, 17-
 21 18, and 20-32 were either added or substantively changed during the re-examination, thus triggering

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 25 ³¹ Sprint is contemporaneously filing a Motion for Summary Judgment of Non-infringement with
 26 respect to claim 6 as, among other reasons, claim 6 requires an “arbitration field which contains
 27 data which reflects an arbitration value” and nothing in the information sent or received from the
 28 accused products during a PTT call can reasonably be described as an “arbitration field which
 29 contains data which reflects an arbitration value.” Therefore, Sprint cannot infringe claim 6.

30 ³² Stark Report at ¶24.

31 ³³ Acampora Initial Rep. at 182-183.

1 the applicability of the doctrine of intervening rights for those claims.³⁴ The evidence below further
 2 illustrates that this is the case.

3 **C. All Asserted Claims that were Amended or Added Were “Substantively
 Changed”**

4 In order for the doctrine of intervening rights to apply, the claims at issue must not be
 5 “substantially identical” to the prior claim. *See* 35 U.S.C. §§ 252, 307(b). *See, e.g., Laitram Corp.*
 6 *v. NEC Corp.*, 163 F.3d 1342, 1346 (Fed. Cir. 1998). “Reexamined claims are ‘identical’ to their
 7 original counterparts if they are without substantive change.” *Laitram*, 163 F.3d at 1346-47
 8 (citation omitted). “[T]he Federal Circuit has remarked that ‘it is difficult to conceive of many
 9 situations in which the scope of a rejected claim that became allowable when amended is not
 10 substantively changed by the amendment....’” *Ohio Willow Wood Co. v. Alps South, LLC*, No.
 11 2:05-CV-1039, 2012 WL 4322541, at *10-11 (S.D. Ohio Sept. 20, 2012) (*quoting Laitram*, 163
 12 F.3d at 1348).

13 The amendments and additions to the asserted claims are reflected in the *Ex Parte*
 14 Reexamination Certificate for the ’797 Patent, through italics (additions) and brackets (deletions).³⁵
 15 A mere cursory review of such amendments and additions confirm that such amendments and
 16 additions to the asserted claims, and particularly amended independent claims 1 and 17 and newly
 17 added claims 20-32 were “substantive changes” so as to permit the application of the doctrine of
 18 intervening rights. Specifically, independent claim 1 was amended to add the following claim
 19 **element** to overcome the prior art at issue in the re-examination: “a user interface that displays on a
 20 screen information relating to the other application programs that are actively executing and
 21 information to control the audio communication system.”³⁶ As 2-Way added this entire claim
 22 element, claim 1 is not “identical” to the prior claim. 2-Way thus altered (narrowed) the scope of
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³⁴ Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 25, October 8, 2013 Deposition of Wayne E. Stark, Ph.D. at 163:21-25
 (“Stark Dep.”).

26 ³⁵ Reexamination Certificate, Ex. B to Am. Compl., Dkt. 56. Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 2.

27 ³⁶ Reexamination Certificate, Ex. B to Am. Compl.; Dkt. 56, *see also* Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 2;
 Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 24, Resp. Final Office Action at 2, 10, 12 (Dec. 17, 2007); Lubozynski
 Decl., Ex. 25, Notice of Intent to Issue Ex Parte Reexam. Cert. at 5-6.

1 claim 1, as well as asserted claims 3-5 and 21-29 which depend from claim 1.³⁷ Therefore, this is a
 2 substantive change permitting the application of intervening rights. *See Laitram*, 163 F.3d at 1346.

3 During reexamination, independent claim 17 was amended in a number of ways. First, the
 4 following language was added to a pre-existing claim element: “that transmits and receives digitized
 5 audio data packets over a wireless network.”³⁸ Claim 17 was further amended to add the same
 6 claim element as added to claim 1 mentioned above.³⁹ Further, the term “mass” was added to
 7 describe the previously claimed “data storage system,” and claim 17 was also modified to state that
 8 “the other application programs are actively executing on the computer station controller on the
 9 computer station.”⁴⁰ As these additions and modifications make clear, claim 17 is not “identical” to
 10 the prior claim, and its scope was clearly altered.⁴¹ Likewise, asserted claims 18-20, which depend
 11 from claim 17, were “substantively changed.”⁴² Therefore, this is a substantive change permitting
 12 the application of intervening rights. *Laitram*, 163 F.3d at 1346.

13 Finally, asserted claims 21-29, which depend from claim 1 as described above, and claims
 14 30-32 were all added during the reexamination of the ’797 Patent.

15 As a result, all of these asserted claims except claim 6 were “substantively changed” during
 16 reexamination, thus clearly permitting the application of intervening rights.

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³⁷ See Acampora Initial Rep. at 182. As 2-Way’s expert did not provide any opinions concerning
 22 intervening rights, *see* Stark Dep. 163:21-25, this is undisputed.

23 Reexamination Certificate, Ex. B to Am. Compl.; Dkt. 56, *see also* Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 2;
 24 Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 24, Resp. Final Office Action at 4, 10, 15 (Dec. 17, 2007).

25 ³⁹ *Id.* Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 25, Notice of Intent to Issue Ex Parte Reexam. Cert. at 5-6.

26 ⁴⁰ Reexamination Certificate, Ex. B to Am. Compl., Dkt. 56, *see also* Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 2;
 Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 26, Resp. Office Action at 3-4, 17-18 (Aug. 21, 2006). Lubozynski Decl.,
 Ex. 24, Resp. Final Office Action at 4, 10, 15 (Dec. 17, 2007).

27 ⁴¹ See Acampora Initial Rep. at 182. As 2-Way’s expert did not provide any opinions concerning
 intervening rights, *see* Stark Dep. 163:21-25, this is undisputed.

28 ⁴² *Id.*

1 **D. Absolute Intervening Rights**

2 Absolute intervening rights is codified in the first sentence of the second paragraph of 35
 3 U.S.C. § 252.⁴³ In relevant part it states

4 A reissued patent shall not abridge or affect the right of any person or that person's
 5 successors in business who, prior to the grant of a reissue, made, purchased, offered
 6 to sell, or used within the United States, or imported into the United States, anything
 7 patented by the reissued patent, to continue the use of, to offer to sell, or to sell to
 8 others to be used, offered for sale, or sold, the specific thing so made, purchased,
 9 offered for sale, used, or imported unless the making, using, offering for sale, or
 10 selling of such thing infringes a valid claim of the reissued patent which was in the
 11 original patent.

12 35 U.S.C. § 252. Absolute intervening rights thereby "abrogate[s] liability for infringing claims
 13 added to or modified from the original patent if the accused products were made or used before the
 14 reissue." *Marine Polymer*, 672 F.3d at 1362. *See also BIC Leisure*, 1 F.3d at 1220-21 ("This
 15 sentence provides an accused infringer with the absolute right to use or sell a product that was
 16 made, used, or purchased before the grant of the [reexamined] patent as long as this activity does
 17 not infringe a claim of the [reexamined] patent that was in the original patent."). Absolute
 18 intervening rights, however, only "covers products already made at the time of" the issuance of the
 19 reexamination certificate. *BIC Leisure*, 1 F.3d at 1221.

20 2-Way has accused 64 different products of infringing that indisputably were launched to the
 21 public on or before the September 2, 2008 reissue date. Therefore, it is clear that absolute
 22 intervening rights applies to all units of these 64 devices that were manufactured by the time of the
 23 issuance of the reexamination certificate, and serves to abrogate any alleged infringement liability
 24 for the sale of such devices under claims 1, 3-5, 17-18, and 20-32. Indeed, "[t]his right is absolute."
 25 *See BIC Leisure*, 1 F.3d at 1221. Sprint thus is entitled to summary judgment as to 2-Way's claims
 26 1, 3-5, 17-18, and 20-32 for all units of the 64 accused products that were made before September 2,
 27 2008.

28 ⁴³ Although 35 U.S.C. § 252 concerns reissued patents, these provisions apply to reexamined
 29 patents. *See Marine Polymer*, 672 F.3d at 1362 ("Although intervening rights originated as a
 30 defense against patents modified through reissue procedures, the doctrine has since been extended
 31 to the context of patent reexamination."); *see also* 35 U.S.C. § 307 (b).

1 **E. Equitable Intervening Rights**

2 Equitable intervening rights is codified in the second sentence of the second paragraph of 35
 3 U.S.C. § 252. In relevant part it states

4 The court before which such matter is in question may provide for the continued
 5 manufacture, use, offer for sale, or sale of the thing made, purchased, offered for
 6 sale, used, or imported as specified, or for the manufacture, use, offer for sale, or sale
 7 in the United States of which substantial preparation was made before the grant of
 8 the reissue, and the court may also provide for the continued practice of any process
 9 patented by the reissue that is practiced, or for the practice of which substantial
 preparation was made, before the grant of the reissue, to the extent and under such
 terms as the court deems equitable for the protection of investments made or
 business commenced before the grant of the reissue.

10 35 U.S.C. § 252. Equitable intervening rights thus “permits the continued manufacture, use, or sale
 11 of additional products covered by the reissue patent when the defendant made, purchased, or used
 12 identical products, or made substantial preparations to make, use, or sell identical products, before
 13 the reissue date.” *BIC Leisure*, 1 F.3d at 1221; *see also Shockley v. Arcan, Inc.*, 248 F.3d 1349,
 14 1360 (Fed. Cir. 2001) (“[E]quitable intervening rights . . . explicitly extend protections for
 15 continued manufacture, thus extending protection to articles not yet in existence at the time of the
 16 reissue.”).

17 However, the Federal Circuit has recognized that “[t]his equitable right is not absolute.”
 18 *BIC Leisure*, 1 F.3d at 1221. Instead, “[t]he court . . . *may* provide for the continued manufacture,
 19 use or sale . . . *to the extent and under such terms as the court deems equitable* for the protection of
 20 investments made or business commenced....” *Id.* (quoting 35 U.S.C. § 252) (emphasis in
 21 original). Therefore, this Court, as permitted by equity, can “protect investments [by Sprint] made
 22 before reissue” of the ’797 Patent following conclusion of the re-examination. *Id.* Here, before the
 23 September 2008 issuance of the reexamination certificate of the ’797 Patent, Sprint had made
 24 considerable investments in the PTT devices and the networks required for their use such that it
 25 would be equitable to protect such investments by shielding Sprint from liability for products made
 26 pursuant to those investments.

1 1. Post-September 2, 2008 Manufacture of Products First Made Prior to
 2 September 2, 2008

3 It cannot be questioned that, as to the 64 accused phone models⁴⁴ that were launched prior to
 4 the issuance of the reexamination certificate, units of those same phone models manufactured after
 5 that date are “identical” to the phones that were manufactured and sold before September 2, 2008.
 6 Thus, there can be no dispute that “substantial preparations” had been made for their use, purchase,
 7 or manufacture after September 2008. Furthermore, it is undisputed that Sprint had made the
 8 required investment in bringing those phones to the market for use on the networks that enabled the
 9 accused functionality, since those phones had already been made and sold before September 2,
 10 2008. Therefore, equitable intervening rights applies to any post-September 2008 units of the same
 11 64 accused product models that were first sold before September 2, 2008. *See BIC Leisure*, 1 F.3d
 12 at 1221. *See also* 35 U.S.C. § 307(b); 35 U.S.C. § 252.

13 2. Products First Made After September 2, 2008

14 Equitable intervening rights applies to the 21 accused product models that were launched
 15 after September 2, 2008 because they were “identical” with respect to the accused functionality as
 16 the 64 accused product models first made prior to September 2, 2008, and because “substantial
 17 preparations” were made for their launch before then. As described above, the accused PTT
 18 functionality used in the accused products first made after September 2, 2008 is identical to the
 19 devices launched prior to September 2, 2008 with respect to 2-Way’s infringement claims.
 20 Indeed, it is undisputed that the accused PTT functionality on the iDEN network has not changed
 21 since being introduced in the mid-to-late 1990s.⁴⁵ Likewise, PTT using QChat similarly has not
 22 changed since its introduction in 2007.⁴⁶

24 ⁴⁴ The Motorola Renegade V950 launched, at the latest, on the same date as the issuance of the
 25 reexamination certificate for the ’797 Patent. *See Lubozynski Decl.*, Ex. 28. As the Renegade
 26 was available on September 2, 2008, it is clear it was made prior to that date. *See, e.g., id.* at 2-
 27 WAY0010907 (“Sprint . . . today announced availability of its latest Nextel Direct Connect phone
 28 – the Motorola Renegade V950.”).

27 ⁴⁵ Acampora Initial Rep. at 182-183; Heeschen Dep. 77:5-9; Nowatski Dep. 31:2-32:14; Russell
 28 Dep. 142:8-143:12; Drawert Dep. 217:19-218:1.

28 ⁴⁶ Vu Dep. 48:1-7.

1 2-Way's own "technical" expert, Dr. Stark, utilized in his infringement analysis the
 2 Motorola i365 phone as a "representative" device for all iDEN accused products, and the Motorola
 3 Renegade V950 phone as a "representative" device for all QChat devices.⁴⁷ These
 4 "representative" devices were both launched on (the V950) and after (the i365) September 2,
 5 2008, yet Dr. Stark made no distinction between the functionality for the products first sold on
 6 either side of that line. Furthermore, Dr. Stark admitted that his analysis for *all* of the accused
 7 products, regardless of date of first sale, was the same as all other devices and that there was no
 8 need to "separately go through each of the claim charts" he provided to his report for the
 9 individual products.⁴⁸ Thus, 2-Way's own expert's analysis illustrates that these products are
 10 "identical" such that equitable intervening rights should apply.

11 Furthermore, Sprint made "substantial preparations" to make and use the accused products
 12 that launched after the issuance of the reexamination certificate for the '797 Patent. In fact, earlier
 13 in 2008, Sprint publicly "reaffirmed" its commitment to PTT and stated that it "was
 14 strengthening" its Nextel Direct Connect service, had debuted new PTT phones with additional
 15 new PTT phones coming out, expanded PTT to its CDMA network through QChat, and had
 16 invested billions of dollars in the iDEN network.⁴⁹ This Court should protect the substantial
 17 investments made by Sprint in such products and the networks. This is true, especially in light of
 18 the fact that 2-Way waited until January 2011, more than 2 years after the issuance of the
 19 reexamination certificate, to file suit against Sprint who had been providing PTT on multi-
 20 functional devices since the initial issuance of the '797 Patent in 1996.

21 Furthermore, as this is an equitable determination, whether Sprint's alleged infringement
 22 was willful or in bad faith can be a consideration. However, there is no evidence that Sprint's
 23 alleged infringement was willful or in bad faith. Indeed, 2-Way does not even allege that Sprint's
 24 infringement was willful.⁵⁰ It cannot do so because Sprint had no knowledge of the '797 Patent

25 ⁴⁷ Stark Report ¶¶102, 277.

26 ⁴⁸ Stark Dep. 29:7-31:2.

27 ⁴⁹ See Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 15; Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 29. Tudhope Dep. 159:7-160:2.

28 ⁵⁰ Lubozynski Decl., Ex. 27, 2-Way Computing Inc.'s Resp. Def.'s First Set of Interrogs. at 18
 (Apr. 25, 2011) ("2-Way has not alleged willful infringement.").

1 until 2-Way brought suit in January 2011 – over 2 years after the issuance of the reexamination
2 certificate, 15 years after the '797 Patent initially issued, and with only a year and a half of life left
3 on the '797 Patent. By that time, as mentioned above, Sprint had already invested billions of
4 dollars in the networks necessary for the use of PTT on the accused products, as well as a
5 substantial amount on the sale and marketing of the accused products themselves.

6 As a result, *equitable* intervening rights bars any claims of infringement of the '797 Patent
7 under claims 1, 3-5, 17-18, and 20-32 for the remaining 21 accused product models launched after
8 September 2008, as they were of a type produced, or as to which at least “substantial preparations”
9 had been made for manufacture, before September 2008. *See BIC Leisure*, 1 F.3d at 1220 (Fed.
10 Cir. 1993); 35 U.S.C. §§ 252 and 307.

11 In sum, it is undisputed that absolute intervening rights bars 2-Way’s assertion of claims 1,
12 3-5, 17-18, and 20-32 against 64 of the 85 accused product models made before September 2,
13 2008, and that equitable intervening rights bars 2-Way’s claims against those same 64 models
14 made after September 2, 2008, as well as the 21 accused product models first made after
15 September 2, 2008.

16 **IV. CONCLUSION**

17 For the reasons discussed above, Sprint respectfully requests that the Court enter summary
18 judgment for Sprint on 2-Way’s claims of infringement of the '797 Patent for asserted claims 1, 3-
19 5, 17-18, 20-32 of the '797 Patent due to absolute and equitable intervening rights.

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